

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463 July 3, 2003

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Earl Scales, Treasurer Democratic Executive Committee of Florida 810 Thomasville Road Taliahassec, FL 32303

Identification Number: C00005561

Reference: Amended 30 Day Post-General Report (10/17/02-11/25/02), received 6/4/03

Dear Mr. Scales:

This letter is to inform you that as of July 2, 2003, the Commission has not received your response to our request for additional information, dated June 11, 2003. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. To ensure compliance with the provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act (the Act), please respond to this request (copy enclosed).

An adequate responses must be received at the Commission by July 23, 2003. Adequate responses received on or before this date will be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered. Failure to provide an adequate response by this date may result in an audit of the committee. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action.

Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you should have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Erik Koeppen on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or our local number (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,

John D. Gibson

Assistant Staff Director Reports Analysis Division



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Earl Scales, Treasurer
Democratic Executive Committee of Florida
810 Thomasville Road
Tallahassee, FL 32303

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Dear Mr. Scales:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-Schedule B supporting Line 23 of your report discloses one or more contributions to a candidate(s) for the 2002 Primary election; however, the funds were disbursed after the election date(s) (pertinent portion(s) attached). Please note that contributions may not be designated for an election which has already occurred unless the funds are to be used to reduce a candidate committee's debts incurred during that election campaign.

If any apparently impermissible contribution in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with clarifying information.

If you have made an impermissible contribution, you must request a refund or provide a written authorization for a redesignation of the contribution pursuant to 11 CPR §110.2(b) within 60 days of the treasurer's receipt.

if the foregoing conditions for redesignations were not mer within 60 days of the treasurer's receipt, your committee must obtain a refund.

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of the refund or redesignation request sent

to the recipient committee(s). In addition, any refunds should be disclosed on Schedule A supporting Line 16 of the report covering the period during which they are received. Any redesignations should be disclosed as memo catries on Schedule B supporting Line 23 of the report covering the period during which the redesignation is made. 11 CFR §110.1(b)

Although the Commission may take further legal action regarding this impermissible activity, your prompt action in obtaining a refund and/or redesignating the contribution(s) will be taken into consideration.

-You have made disbursements for "Slate Cards" and "Slate Cards/Door Hangers" which may qualify as exempt activities. In order for an activity to be classified as exempt, it must meet the following conditions: (1) For slate cards and sample ballots; it names at least three candidates running for election to any public office, it is not distributed through public political advertising (including broadcast media, newspapers, magazines, and billboards), the content is limited to the identification of each candidate, the office or position currently held, the office sought and party affiliation, and the costs allocable to federal candidates are paid with permissible funds; (2) For campaign materials: the activity is conducted on behalf of the party's nominees in the general election, the materials are distributed by volunteers--not through public political advertising, the party committee does not use materials purchased by the national party committee or money transferred from the national committee to purchase materials, the party committee does not use funds designated for a particular federal candidate, a payment from a non-federal campaign to help pay for the materials does not exceed its allocated share of the expenses, and the costs allocable to federal candidates are paid with permissible funds.

If this activity indeed qualifies as exempt, please file a Schedule H2 to provide a unique identifier and allocation ratio, according to the time and space method. 11 CFR §§104.10(a)(1) and 106.5(e) Furthermore, please amend Schedule H4 to categorize the disbursements as Exempt. For further guidance, please refer to the Campaign Guide for Party Committees. If the activity disclosed on your report does not meet the definition of "exempt" activity as described above, and if any portion of the expenditures were made on behalf of specifically identified candidates, this amount must be disclosed on Schedule B or F supporting Line 23 or 25 of the Detailed Summary Page as appropriate. Please provide the Commission with a more detailed explanation of these activities.

The coordinated expenditure schedule (Schedule F) should disclose the following information: the identification of the designating committee, the payee's name and address, the purpose of the expenditure, the identification of the candidate supported, the office sought, state and district (if applicable), the date and amount of the payment and the aggregate general election expenditure total for each candidate supported. Please amend Schedule F by providing the name of the candidate supported and the office sought, state and district (if applicable). 2 U.S.C. §441a(d)

A response or amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days of the date of this letter. Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division). My local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,

Erik W. Kooppen

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Senior Campaign Finance Analyst

Reports Analysis Division

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